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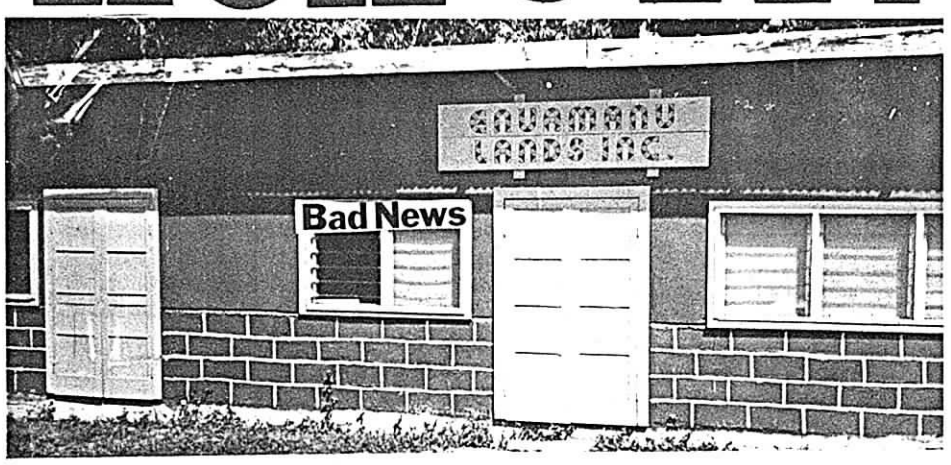

AND—Severe Criticism of Management by Judge Dillon

- In a landmark judgment in the history of Cook Islands Rural and Agricultural Development, High Court Judge Dillon delivered his summary and evaluation of the affairs of the liquidated co-operative E.L.I last week. See Page 5.

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The Editor

E.L.I.

The Time

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:

Lewis Carroll

(This editorial was prepared by neutral observers of respect, in the best interests, they believe, of all Atiuans, immigrants and foreigners assisting Atiuans. Although urged on by some parties to name names, it has been decided that those who wish to indulge themselves in this aspect of the whole regrettable affair are quite capable of looking them up for themselves from the public record ED)

So ELI is dead. And after the traumatic community vivisection it performed on most of the people of Atiu in its terminal stages, many will breathe a sigh of relief.

The death rites performed by Judge Dillon were unpleasant. It was a job he felt obliged to do and, reading between the lines a few weeks ago, the JOURNAL gave adequate hints to readers what they might expect.

The sight and sound of the public chastisement of respected senior island leaders of long standing, friends, colleagues, trusted "sons" of Atiu was unpleasant.

The sight of one poor, pathetic soul left to stand up on behalf of the rest and take the Judge's battery of uppercuts alone against the ropes was unpleasant.

There was much that was unpleasant but perhaps the most unpleasant aspect of the whole by now dreary affair was the allocation of the leading roles.

In charge was a white NZ Judge. The main speaker was a Rarotongan lawyer. The tactics of the "protagonists" were orchestrated by a white NZ immigrant. Those of the "antagonists" by a white German non-citizen. And the gaggle of bewildered Mamas who comprised the bulk of the listening public could offer this paper very little by way of understanding of the very important issues that were being discussed.

Possibly one of the all-time lows in recent Atiu history.

Which is not to say that any should dare to take comfort in one claim we have heard that it is all "papa'a stuff". That collossal untruth needs to be laid to rest. What the Judge appeared to say in non-legal language was that a pack of Atiuans had been ripping off another pack of Atiuans. One lot had been ruthless in their exploitation. The other lot had been a pathetic bunch of no-hopers to let it happen! The fact that a foreigner helped the former out of an even worse mess and an immigrant helped the latter stand on their knees does not change the fact that the ultimate responsibility is Atiu's, we believe.

Common agreement lies in a belief that it is time for several steps to be taken. Many appear weary of the Manske-Malcolm feud and beg these two to stop engineering each other's downfall at the expense of people who do not wish to be dragged in. A representative of the committee has agreed to give the JOURNAL the committee's comments upon the judgment.

Prior to receiving the comments, we understand that the committee feels basically that it was not ready to hear the Judge on Thursday.

If that be the case, let us put a few points down which may make it quite clear that such beliefs, if held, seem certainly to be in error.

1. The JOURNAL has twice in the last six weeks featured the upcoming arrival of the Judge and commented. The text of the Judge's announcement was quoted from in which he clearly states that he is coming so that the Atiu people can see what is going on.

2. Mr. Mitchell is fully aware, we believe of what is going on and agreed for the Judge to hear the case in Atiu. It is impossible to believe Mr. Mitchell did not inform his clients. SO...In our view, the Committee has no case on this point.

Furthermore, it is worth pointing out that.....

THE JUDGE'S RULINGS AND COMMENTS ON THURSDAY ARE THE LAW OF THE LAND.

They are not some casual comments for everyone to ignore.

It is clearly, we feel, the public duty of Mr. Manske and Mr. Paratainga who have been close to and often advising the Committee to point these matters out to the Committee for "heaven's sake" or else what sort of society is being run on Atiu ?

But if they and others seriously intend to go ahead without a word of regret with another company (ADS. ADC etc) then, friends, respected title holders whatever, then they can hardly be surprised if the valuably needed potential of ADS is shunned by many of the public and, when word gets out, by those from whom they may seek aid.

The JOURNAL finds it very hard to understand just why there is an apparent move to rush into a new body doing the same sort of thing as the old one which collapsed through bad management when the very same people so roundly condemned by Judge Dillon are proposing to manage the new one.

One might also imagine that our MP's, our Island Council and many citizens of Atiu might now find things equally hard to understand, having heard what Judge Dillon had to say.

Come on gentlemen, friends, colleagues. fellow citizens ...let's hear from you!

The JOURNAL
Editor: David Lewis
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The winner The loser

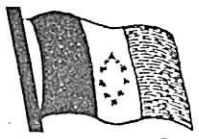
YOU TELL US

The Wingeing Moral Minority bit the dust again last week when 'Hotline' offered up Norman and Ma' 's RL jersey hand-outs for debate . Atiuans and domestic expats over from Rarotonga to nail down their Atiuan dirt in the High Court seemed all to be of one mind."Good on the MP's!"

This week, try your debating skills on "FRANCE"..land of bombs and bidets, home of Mitterand, Napoleon (below), Norman and Pupuke!

OUI? NON?

Yes 2



1 No

Well, we're never going to be anything other than a colony as far as economics are concerend, so let's at least be a colony of a power that's got a proven track record of lobbing out the bonbons on a far bigger scale (and without the liberal strings attached) than ever NZ has been for the past 80 odd years.

And, on top of that, do you actually realise the sheer amount of the zillions that's needed to keep this country up to the lifestyle demanded by the people even at the present level...let alone at a level representing material progress for the people.

....it takes both hands to count the noughts needed at the end of the dollar signs.

And you're **not** going to get that sort of money nambypambying around with project development, the Peace Corps and our "traditional friends!"

That sort of money comes from the big, big powers. Russia's a no-no, we've got nothing to offer the US they can't get elsewhere, Britain's too mean, Australia can buy us in other ways...so who will pay for what we've got to sell ? Who's the only one left ? Why, Mama France, of course. And all they want is for us to look the other way when they let off their fireworks! Go to it, Pupuke....!

So who's the next fat purveyor of hand-outs we propose to go grovelling to?

We've gone through the long procession of 3rd world opportunity hunters ever since NZ cut a few strings in 1965 and let the CIs. dabble in the murky shallows of international intrigue.

Intrigue ? But this is a formal government to government loan with all the trappings of international diplomacy. $15m. repaid over 15 years, it is said. Oh yeah....

If it's all straight up, it will be the first of its kind between France and a 3rd world country in post independence memory.

France invented strings attached diplomacy. And woe betide any little 3rd worlder who cuts the strings.

Its conduct in the region many regard as the most despicable of all the colonial powers. It tests massive nuclear bombs in one colony and denies the legitimate voice of the people in another.

Now they are wooing the C.Is. And in return for all the fêting and flattering given to three of our Ministers, we are saddled with a regional outcast for an ally.

We'd have been better off with Marcos!

what do you think ?!

READERS SURVEY

Your letters

A Bad Idea?

Dear Sir,

It is not normal for myself to respond to articles in various journals, papers etc although after your August 10th issue, I did. Reading your August 17 issue in fact, demands a response due to the edittorial written by yourself and "J'Accuse" also presumably written by yourself.

I had though that as a senior officer of the Public Service, you would have known certain facts -as such you are aware of the normal channels in use; it is apparent that you are using the columns of this Journal to present views which are contrary to what you are or should be aware of. I believe fully in the freedom of the Press but it appears you wish to utilise such to set yourself up as the the champion of free expression and an example of possible oppression and take the opportunity of doing so as the Editor of this Journal.

Let us first look at your editorial of the 17th:

1 Industrial action stamped out through the furtive workings of government bureaucracy in the post-independence era:

Possibly this existed until 1978 but I would point out that:

(a) an industrial action took place at the Waterfront several years ago and was resolved by agreement between those involved and part of the so-called "bureaucracy". In fact the Union here is assisted in every way to ensure it is not deregistered;

(b) the Public Service Association has secured for its members benefits never before had in the Cook Islands; this has included regular Cost of Living adjustments, dirt and wet allowances, maternity leave and so on. This has arisen from the excellent relationship developed between the Public Service Association and the Government, moreso the Prime Minister who for many years was also the Minister who for many years was also the Minister responsible for the Public Service.

(c) every public servant has rights and these are well established both in law and by instructions. In fact, the public servant fairs better in industrial matters than the private sector with appeal rights, superannuation schemes and the like;

(d) no oppression exists that I am aware of and if it existed, I would be the first to react as I believe in a neutral service.

2. Teachers and expatriate teachers:

This is not only in the teaching profession - it exists elsewhere in other parts of the Public Service. I have already written on the "Rakanui" case.

We must face this for some time as we e deavour to localise the posts. You yourself from memory was an expatriate for sometime and presume you saved from your exposs.

3. Second and third jobs:

Unless secondary employment is:

(a) in conflict with the position held; or

(b) affects work output by excessively late hours.

then I have approved many.

4. Promises - teachers:

The question of salaries first arose in 1983 and then again for some reason was shelved (and not by myself). It arose again in 1986 and is nor finalised except for some minor problems and is in the process of implementation.

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ATIU NUI

Rural Development

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I would like to know what "feasibility" study is now being undertaken as I do not know of any and in fact I am implmenting most areas myself at this time.

Now I look at "J'Accuse" which I believe is your own and would point out that your salary of $19219 per annum (1.8.87) should be more than equitable for yourself and family and in fact is the highest salary on Atiu. It has adjusted in every cost of living adjustment so let us be fair it was well above average for any public servant during our employment and effectively put you in a salary range where many senior officers are. Also you were an expat-rights for some years and received whilst there all excess of any local employee. I have looked at others on this same salary as yourself and they have managed to exist and in fact have motor vehicles, leasehold land and the like; maybe you have a problem but do not accuse government of creating your problem.

Generally I find that notwithstanding my own belief in press freedom, there is a limit to half truths or pretensions of knowing mattters which are effectively debateable. Please be truthful and do not pretend your editorials are the fount of truth as others can be lead to believe so and as a senior officer of Government should ensure the truth is published.

Yours faithfully,

RC Chapman

The Public Service Commissioner as usual puts his pen where his convictions are. An acknowledged contribution to press freedom in our country....assuming, of course, that the "but" in line 16 and the "notwithstanding" in the final paragraph are but slips of an otherwise eloquent pen.

The JOURNAL stands by both articles.....although Mr. Lewis and his family state that they are delighted to learn that they are well off! ED.

NOTE TO READERS:

If prompted to reply to letters, the JOURNAL does so on three occasions:

1. To acknowledge and regret an error.

2. To indicate that an article continues to be supported editorially.

3. To add to readers' enjoyment of a good letter.

On no occasion, is the policy of the JOURNAL to counter arguments that are a reader's right to express untouched and unamended.

Readers are warmly thanked for their letters and opinions. Please keep writing... even founts of all wisdom require alternative sources!

only in the journal

Daily TRUBBLEMAKER

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Life with other jobs

Formerly of no fixed abode, ex-executive Sir Thomas of The Trip is reported by Our Special Troublemaker Over There, to be enjoying life on a fixed abode.

"I really stuffed them up by buying the new boss' car," chuckles the old Welsh mariner and adds that he proposes to spend the rest of the century finding all sorts of ways to continue stuffing them up.

"To keep them really on their toes," he notes,"I am writing my memoirs."

The noble Knight says that he is planning 15 chapters...one for each of his ex-colleagues.

FLEXIBLE SYSTEM

Unable to secure an interview with van-driving Man of the People Vinny "It's a Vakt" Right-Matey, contact has been made with Our Auckland Roving Troublemaker who proposes to sit in the drive of Mr. Right-Matey's up-market penthouse until the Man of the People comes back home.

PU KEEPS IT UP

Mysterious travelling Oriental salesman Pu Pu Kee is reported to have made recent contact with a Rarotongan garage. And it's not to get a spare tyre fixed, either! Pu it seems, is striking out with a whole new image these days and needs $110,000-plus(tax and-duty-free) Jag to round it off. "Ideal for an after church spin round the atoll," was how intrepid world traveller said to have described the venture to our Troublemaker on the Spot...who sent us the above photo of the sort of thing Pu says he wouldn't be seen dead in.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Takuvaine Trappist monk, Bro Geoffrey is reported to be rigorously maintaing his Order's vow of silence. "It's the best way," he says,"the most profound statements are made in silence." The red-red friar is believed to be soon departing for monastic life up in the hills. He says he will stay there until he becomes Prime Minister or Joe Williams goes back to Auckland.

LOOKING FOR A JOB IN NEW ZEALAND

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masterstroke...

Well-known Rarotongan social worker Mrs. K. is reported to be dropping her work among the downtrodden barmen, 4th chefs, bedmakers and beach attendants in the Rutaki slums for an appointment at the head of the new Ministry of Emigration. "A reward for outstanding endeavour in the rapidly expanding field of Emigration," was how a Ministry spokesman announced the exciting news.

Mrs. K. told our resident Rutaki Troublemaker that she welcomed the change as her food and beverages had been getting really uncoordinated in recent weeks.

STOP PRESS

IN TRIM

Top local contender, T. Marrickey is said to be in top shape for his forthcoming challenge for the UN "Man With the Most Jobs in The World" championship.

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High Court Report

Severe Criticism of Management by Judge

It was three years since the High Court had sat in Atiu. Although to any individual involved, the occupation right applications, the successions, even the criminal hearings, were the centre of interest at the packed converted Court House, the single case of greatest importance to Atiu now and maybe to Atiu for many years to come, was the hearing of the wind-up, liquidation and cost hearings associated with a fifteen year old co-operative known as Enua Manu Land Incorporation. The JOURNAL has seen this as a story less of individuals than one deeply bound up with Atiu's development. Hence, it has approached the story with care. Mr. Roger Malcolm, a staff member and financial backer of the JOURNAL, his wife Kura, our proof reader, our Maori language editor all have major personal and business interests invested in the outcome of the case. They have been permitted no access to the story as it has unfolded in the pages of this paper. The story has been monitored at all times, and at her insistence, by the owner of the JOURNAL. Conclusions. emphasis and presentation are the responsibility of the Editor alone. We hope readers will accept and acknowledge the efforts that have been made to preserve this paper's integrity in an affair which affects virtually everyone on Atiu and, because of Atiu's strategic position as the constituency of one of our leading national political figures.

TOTAL LIQUIDATION

Atiu Sunday School Hall

Thursday 3 September 1987

Judge Dillon presided. Mrs T. Browne appeared for a group of shareholders in the application for the wind-up and for her costs to be paid by the shareholders. Mr. M. Kaiaruna spoke as a member of the former committee of E.L.I.

In support of her application for costs, Mrs. Browne submitted that the Incorporation had been founded in 1972 for the purpose of growing pineapples and that it had subsequently declined. She further submitted that in 1982, it had ceased preparing accounts or submitting records as required by the land court.

She also submitted that the management committee had refused to accept written nominations for new committee members at the next AGM and had ignored attempts by some shareholders to have the AGM follow the requirements of the constitution governing the E.L.I.

She stated that Mr. T. Koronui had travelled to Rarotonga to appeal to the land court for either the appointment of a new committee or an injunction on the affairs of the E.L.I. She alleged that Mr. Koronui received little response from the court and had thus engaged a Rarotongan firm of solicitors.

She stated that the solicitors had obtained an order instructing that an SGM of the E.L.I. be held to determine whether the Incorporation should be wound up or not.

Mrs Browne described the Special General Meeting, stating that it had been adjourned so that an Audit Report could be obtained. The auditor had not issued a full report because of the alleged inadequate accounting.

She stated that the auditor had specified mismanagement of the Incorporation.

EXPLAIN

Mrs Browne stated that the reconvened Special Meeting of E.L.I. passed a unanimous decision to wind up.

She then spoke of a resolution made by the Old Management Committee that the Incorporation should not pay her costs.

Mr. Justice Dillon then asked someone from the Committee to explain why this was so.

Mr. M. Kaiaruna spoke and asked that the case be postponed until it could be heard in Rarotonga at a later date. He stated that at such a time, the Committee's lawyer would be able to attend.

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E.L. INC

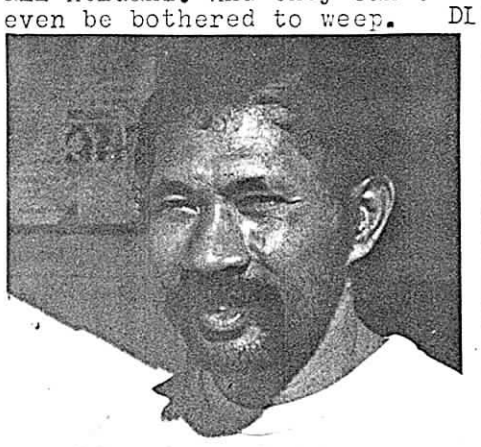
Tumatetenga

It is as if someone precious had died and no one wanted to attend the funeral. There are more pressing engagements in the neighbourhood. More than that, having abused the body and soul of the dear departed in its lifetime, everyone would now like to pretend the thing never really existed in the first place.

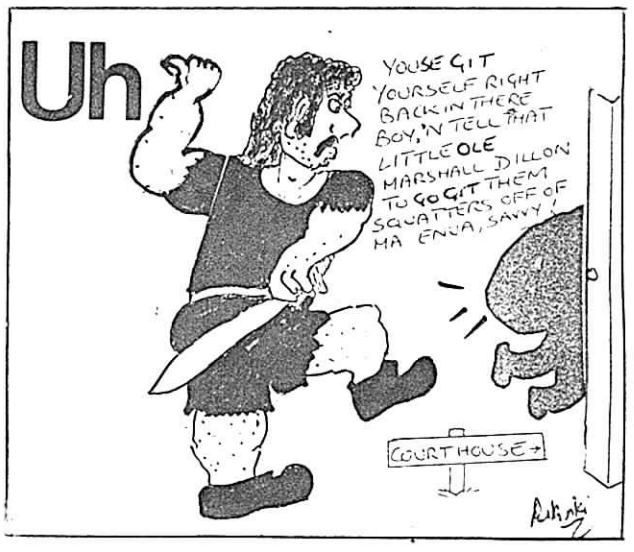
Those of us living on other islands looked at ELI with admiration and respected the Atiuans for doing what the other squabbling communities couldn't come up with..a solid working co-operative endeavour.

Co-operatives just MUST be made to work. The alternative is to hand over to foreign interests and political patronage. When a co-operative dies, there is much to be learnt. Not nowadays in Atiu. Egged on by outside forces, the wish is to tear headlong into something new. The Committee who failed and the shareholders who let them do it are all Atiuans, all friends, all very capable people.

Has everyone forgotten that what made Atiu respected, what made Papa Ta hold up his head high as Minister of Agriculture has been destroyed....by all Atiuans. And they can't even be bothered to weep. DI



Tura Koronui - precipitated action against the Committee.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YOUSE GIT YOURSELF RIGHT BACK IN THERE BOY, 'N TELL THAT LITTLE OLE MARSHALL DILLON TO GO GIT THEM SQUATTERS OFF OF MA ENUA, SAWY!
COURT HOUSE

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Mr. Justice Dillon replied that he did not wish to incur extra expense and he added that he had spoken to Mr. M. Mitchell, the Committee's counsel before coming to Atiu and he stated that Mr. Mitchell had seen no reason why the Incorporation should not wind up.

CURRENT STATE

In his summary, Mr. Justice Dillon stated that the current position of the Incorporation was due firstly to the faults of the old Management Committee and secondly to the faults of the shareholders in allowing this to happen.

He stated that he found the financial state of the Incorporation "unbelievable". He offered an estimate that had the Incorporation continued, the loans standing at $30,000 would have grown to $60,000.

He stated that Mr. T. Koronui and others were to be commended and that Mr. Koronui should be compensated for his travelling expenses to Rarotonga.

He emphasised that thousands of dollars had gone missing and could not be traced. He added that the extremely "unusual" lending policy would mean that if he didn't wind the ELI up, there would be more money to collect.

At this point, Mr. M. Kaiaruna spoke and explained that money had been spent on social schemes and mentioned a sum of $10,000 lent to the Atiu Hall.

Mr. Justice Dillon asked why costs should not be paid when it was clear that "the committee had been operating outside the law".

He stated that the old Management Committee had "fobbed off" Mrs. Browne's clients and "wiped them off like a dirty rag."

He concluded by stating that he believed the decision to be a question as to whether all shareholders should pay or the old Management Committee.

He noted that when a Management Committee is in error, it is the Committee who bear the cost.

Consideration of the application for costs was adjourned and referred to the court in Rarotonga.

The issues involved in the ELI collapse go far beyond the courtroom and even beyond Atiu into the Cook Islands as a whole. Some of these vital issues affecting our development will be discussed with a wide range of experts NEXT WEEK.

Realities

The judge virtually spelt it all out. But already, 48 hours later, interviewing people around town, it is clear that the message didn't really get through to many.

As we say in our editorial, it is not really the JOURNAL's duty to spell it out again to Atiu. After all, the judge stated some weeks ago that one of his objectives in coming over was to let Atiuans see the LAW at work for themselves. But, sadly, we cannot be sure that those close enough and experienced enough to influence the former committee will see their role as educational in helping the people to learn, to improve and to develop. No, we believe that there are strong moves ahead to place the ELI quickly behind us. Never mind that, lads, let's all get stuck into this new one...so you just sit back and listen to what you have to do.

The JOURNAL has no intention of supporting the managerial "follow-me" lads-and-get-on-with-it-while-I'm gone-style of development which appears to characterise the Manske approach...nor the you-can-have-what-I've-got-too capitalism of the Malcolm approach...nor yet the performing foreign zillions and the-ring-me-up-when-you-want-some-more central government approach.

The JOURNAL supports no one but the people and so, to reinforce the judge's message...from one weak sinner to another....so that we can understand it loud and clear, this is what he offered:

1. The LAW is the COOK ISLANDS LAW...not some piece of "papa'a" non-Atiuan mumbo-jumbo as was shamelessly suggested to the people by some of our leaders early on in the affair.

2. The shareholders who let their investment drift out of hand and did not stand up to a strong-minded committee are just as much to blame for their part in the problems as the old committee members are for allowing their strong-mindedness to degenerate in to arrogance, in the Judge's words, "outside the law."

3. The Committee were not, in the eyes of the law, misled, inexperienced or culturally deprived...they were just plain WRONG.

Stemming indirectly from the Judge's summary are the following JOURNAL summaries:

1. For all the talk of non-Atiuan-ness, Atiuan-ness etc. perhaps the only one in the whole sorry affair who performed like the cultural Atiuan of mythology was Mr. Malcolm! Not even the

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Service Together

ATIU NUI

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much commended Tura Koronui paid his own legal fees up front. The ELI affair is an Atiuan affair from the marvellous days of its beginning to the sad end killed off by Atiuans. As is mentioned by the auditor, Mr. Manske did his proper duty by the Committee he worked for. So, dearly beloved and respected fellow citizens, how about facing up to the fact that it's Atiu that has to take the rap. And how about ceasing to set "Roger" and te Tiamani" (what a disgusting sobriquet, folks!) as front men and get out front yourselves without Rarotongan lawyers and NZ judges etc.

2. You, the Atiuans, are free people responsible under the law...and you can't blame immigrants or politicians or anyone for the messes you make. We're all in it together and we're all just as weak and strong as the next one etc.

The Judge was saying all those things. He seemed a nice fellow...for a non-Atiuan papa'a that is...and it would be a shame if all the valuable things he said which can help our development as people were just ignored.

There you are. That's it. Over the weekend, we were told people seemed confused and waiting for the JOURNAL maybe to give a lead. So be it! But don't shoot the Editor! He hasn't yet had time to enjoy the good Atiuan land his family got from the judge. Or even whether to put it up for incorporation!

NOTE:

OWING TO THE LENGTH OF OUR COVERAGE OF THE ELI COURT LIQUIDATION, MANY OF OUR REGULAR FEATURES AND ONGOING SERIES HAVE HAD TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK. IT IS HOPED THAT READERS WILL NOT BE TOO DISAPPOINTED AND ALL REGULAR SERIES AND FEATURES WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK AFTER THE DRAMATIC EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. ED.

CREDIT TOTAL NO DEPOSIT!

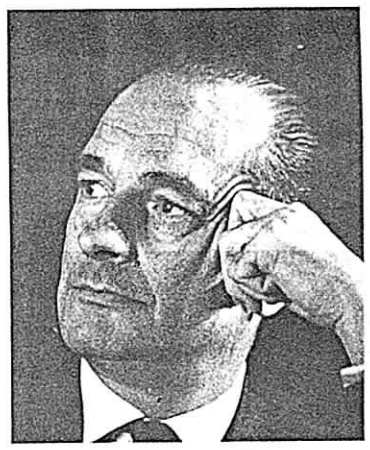
Eh bien, mes amis, the documents appear to have been signed. There's no deposit and $15m have been or are shortly due to be collected from Paris.

As far as the French right wing government is concerned the move is a triumphant, if small, vindication of long-standing French rightist policy towards the third world.

Beginning at the time of the massive French decolonisation programme in the late 50's, the policy has been frequently and bluntly stated by pro-French commentators in the Region.

At the time of the Mini-Games in Rarotonga in 1985, a Tahitian Forum journalist

explained, "it is believed by many French strategists that the post colonial Age of Ideology will run out. If France can hang on long enough to see out the Age of Ideology, her long term interest will be well promoted by economic [illegible] poor countries who need our assistance."



Then, there in our own small way is the Game we are into now. We shall have to see how it works out. In the meantime, there are new names we shall undoubtedly be hearing a lot more of in the future, such as Overseas Territories Minister Bernard Pons (below being greeted by Secretary of State for Pacific Affairs, Gaston Flosse) as well as Socialist President Francois Mitterand (left) and Premier Jacques Chirac (Gaullist) top right.

we will pay

Just prior to going to print, ELI Court spokesman, Mataki Kaiaruna spoke to the JOURNAL about the Committee's reaction to the Judge's findings and comments.

"We have no quarrel with what the Judge said, " Mr. Kaiaruna noted, "but we have met and decided to write first to our solicitor, Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is in England at present but when he gets back, if he advises us to pay costs, then we shall pay, ourselves, of course."

The JOURNAL asked whether the Committee had regrets that a 15 year old co-operative had gone defunct.

"Yes," he said, "but we tried to find ways of keeping it going but the shareholders did not want to and they are the people with the power."

Mr. Kaiaruna told the JOURNAL that it was proposed to transfer assets and liabilities to a new company of which he was to be Chairman.

"We are waiting to hear from people like Mariri in Rarotonga before going ahead."

Mr. Kaiaruna said that about 80 people had signed up and those former members of ELI who elected to transfer everything to the new company would be able to do so.

Mr. Kaiaruna promised to give the JOURNAL a full interview on the new company in time for next week's issue.

'thrilla in Vanilla'

A SPECIAL JOURNAL FEATURE ON ATIUAN DEVELOPMENT.

Comedy or tragedy

Papa Tangata Simiona -Ombudsman. As Atiu MP, one of the prime movers of the original vanilla project.

In spite of great restrictions on space this week owing to coverage of the High Court sitting, our Vanilla saga did take a step forward.....

Act Two Scene One is a very short scene. But it is significant as it brings on to centre stage briefly one of the major supporting players, Mrs Tina Browne, legal representative of Tahitian entrepreneur Charles Lehartel. Mr Lehartel, for Ledarco Ltd., signed the 1983 Heads of Agreement document with the Cook Islands government which started the whole affair off.

Mrs Browne was in Atiu to attend the High Court sitting on the Liquidation of the ELI co-operative.

She was able to meet with the JOURNAL and discuss our opening story of last week.

What came mainly out of the interview was a confident assertion by Mrs Browne that she and her client, Mr. Lehartel did not agree that there was confusion.

"We find it quite clear," she said, "but maybe others are not so clear. But I can assure you we are not confused."

She expressed herself as "curious" about the reported attitude of Mr. Georges Kelly Minister of Agriculture in Tahiti who told the JOURNAL recently that there was "no formal arrangement or involvement by the Tahiti government."

(See NEXT WEEK.....)

Warning

TOXINS AND SEA FOOD
(Fish Poisoning)

Fish poisoning occurs either due to harmful bacteria & viruses OR due to certain toxins. Probably poisoning by toxins is common in Atiu, especially these days. It causes one of the following:

A, PARALYTIC SYNDROME:

Patient has nausea, sickness, diarrhea and pain in the abdomen, lips, tongue, mouth, throat, arms, hands, legs and feet. There is a distorted temperature sensation and placing hands etc in cold water gives a cold burning sensation with a feeling of pins and needles. This continues for some time after the stimulus has been removed.

There can be also moderate to severe pain in the whole body, especially in the lower back, hips, thighs and calf muscles.

Muscles seem over-strained. Walking is painful.

The important causes are:

1. Ciguaterra poisoning (probably the people of Atiu & other islands suffer every year during the beginning of summer). Red schnapper, barracuda, grouper, amberjack and 400 other species get the poison from plankton on the reef. (BE VERY CAREFUL OF ALL REEF GRAZING FISH. MITIARO PEOPLE IN THE EARLY 80's WERE ADVISED BY MARINE RESOURCES TO TRY FISH OUT ON THE CAT THE NIGHT BEFORE EATING!) Editor.

After eating, the effects start within minutes to 30 hours (average 6 hours). It can be very serious.

2. Shellfish Poisoning:

Clams, oysters, mussels & scallops get poison from algae especially when the sea temperature is high. The symptoms occur within 30 mins and may cause paralysis in 12 hours.

3. Tetrodotoxin Poisoning:

This is concentrated in the fish's ovary in scaleless toad and puffer fish.

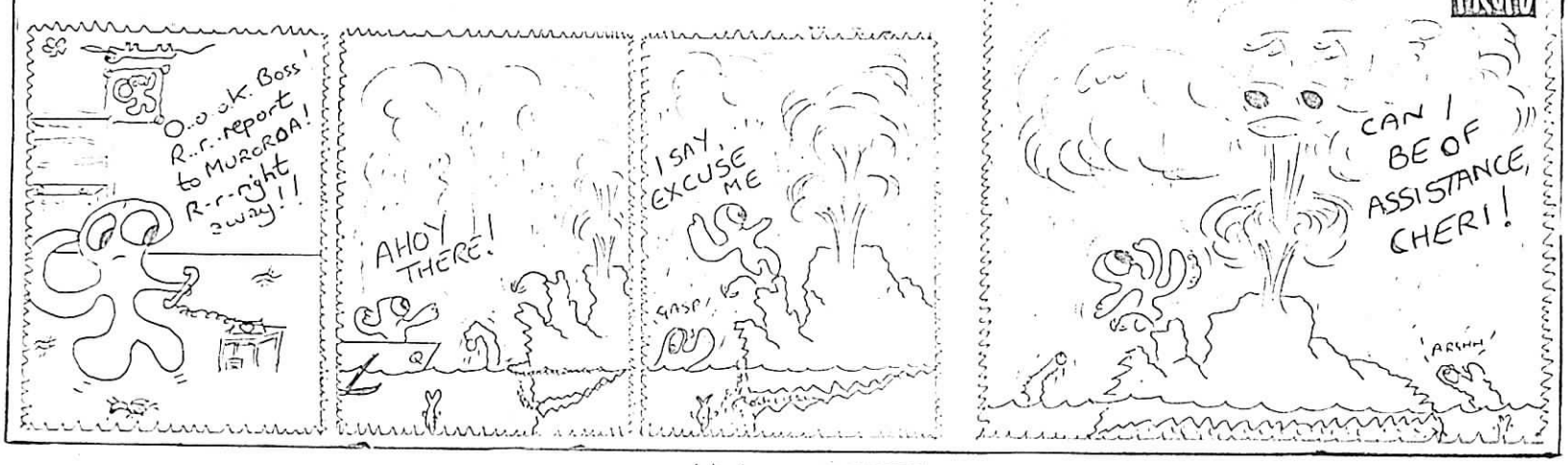
B. Histamine-like Syndrome:

This happens when the flesh of scombroid fish like tuna, mackerel, bonito and tinned fish are decomposed by bacteia. Symptoms (within minutes to a few hours) are flushing, burning, skin reaction, intense itching, headache, pain and nausea. Does not occur in fresh fish or well frozen fish.

THANKS TO THE HEALTH DEPT. TAKE CARE...Ed.

The quORums

an everyday tale of political folk



INFORMATION

CLASSIFIED

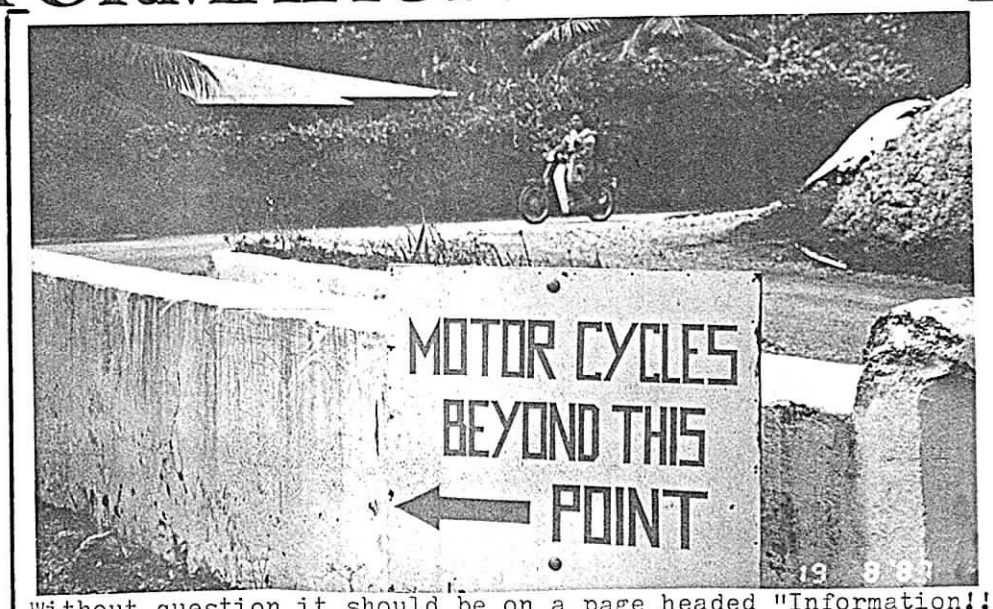
FOR SALE: 100 sheets 668 steel reinforcing mesh at $39.50 each (Raro price).
APPLY AML STORE, Atiu.

Special

*Latest News from Aitutaki is that CITC has been reported as no longer selling food. No information why.

* PEACESAT Voice of the O.Is is reported to be due back home in Rarotonga after treatment in NZ. Arriving in two weeks.

* Power sports official and Raro businessman Roger Blake is out of hospital after 12 days and has lost 10kg. Can see his toes. ell done, Roger. Have a good recover.



Without question it should be on a page headed "Information!! The question, however, remains as to what information is actually being conveyed!
JOURNAL reporters, being good, obedient Atiuans did infact follow the instructions. One was either too good an Atiuan or too diligent a reporter. He went on following the instruction and we haven't seen him since!

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Well, folks, now you know the secret. It's KIS and Ken Walters and his staff always ready to give us a bit of extra care and attention that is the hallmark of the long established Rarotonga Pharmacy which has never let us down, no matter how tight our deadline.

LEFT:Leanne Brogan, working the computer controlled colour adv-analyser.

Reaching Out

Meet Cory's Girl in Atiu.... UNV Estarr, tough, efficient nice, here for two years and not much bigger than the pineapples she advises on.

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

News coming through from the Rugby scene in Raro indicates that once more the Red-Red youngsters of the Taku vaine U19 have held on to the Te Kuiti Shield. They first won it in 1983 and have been undefeated ever since. A whole host of talented youngsters have helped achieve the remarkable record. Above: End of season shot of the 1983 team that first lifted the Shield. For this week's first half of our competition. name (for $2.00) the well-known coach who has been the inspiration behind the Te Kuiti Red-Red success story. AND (for $1.00) name the four young Atiuans in the shot below (Thanks to Mary Kautai for the photo.)

AKARIAKARIAKARI

Cook Island Coconut Products

Wanted.....
Husked coconuts
Big fresh and husked nuts (not uto)
Nuts with husk still on.
.08c.each and .02c for quality.
Sacks available from Agriculture
Agriculture will receipt and payment from P.O. on receipt.

See Upoko Simpson

FLASH BACK Competition

Crossword Solution

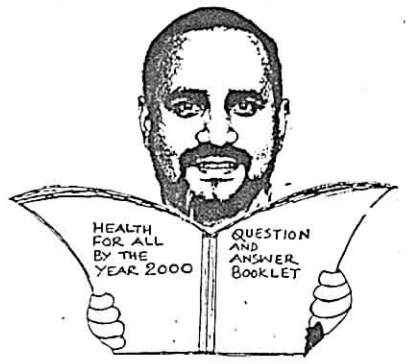
Solution Twelve

ACROSS: 1 Old Master; 8 Earth; 9 Slating; 11 Tousle; 12 Scholar; 13 Anon; 14 Ass; 17 Tea; 18 Trod; 21 Caravan; 23 Dainty; 24 Blemish; 25 Organ; 26 Down Under.

DOWN: 2 Lilac; 3 Matron; 4 Tag; 5 Rebound; 6 Present; 7 Chieftain; 10 Near; 12 Stage Door; 15 Strings; 16 Contend; 19 Tail; 20 Salmon; 22 Aisle; 24 Bow.

DEAR DOCTOR...

— Medicine —



QUESTION

Dear Doctor,

How to prevent fish poisoning which people are suffering these days in Atiu. Does cooking kill the poison? How do I know that I am having symptoms of poisoning?

Dear Reader,

The toxins (poison) causing the poisoning are heat stable so are not destroyed by cooking or heating.

To prevent fish poisoning we should avoid eating these sea foods especially reef fish, and all variety of shell fish for 1 to 2 months once we start getting cases of poisoning.

If some people can't avoid eating fish, the fish should be thoroughly cleaned, descaled, liver, intestines (juices), other viscera and organs, gills, head (brain) and skin should not be eaten. The quantity of fish eaten should be least possible during these days, if not sure, to avoid serious complications.

For the signs and symptoms of various types of fish poisoning please read the articles in TIANARA and this issue of the JOURNAL.

Please don't forget: There is no specific treatment for these cases. We manage the patients only conservatively to give some relief and to avoid or counter serious complications.

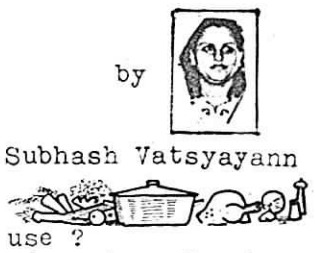
WELFARE WATCH

Fulanu

(Tutae Oroenua)

LOOK

by Subhash Vatsyayann



This is a seemingly useless plant but is in fact excellent for the worst health problem in the Pacific, Oral and Dental diseases.

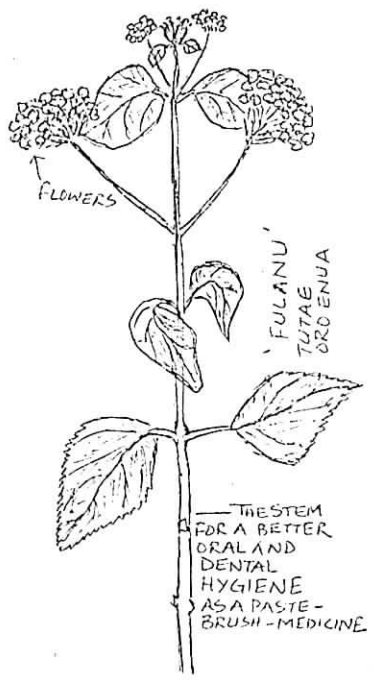
- The juice from the stem is a mild anti-septic, deodorant and chemical which easily removes and washes the bacterial collections sticking on the teeth. Also, it has some other factors (probably fluoride) which helps prevent caries.

- So, to avoid most oral and dental problems, especially for those who don't use a tooth brush and paste (through lack of money or just simply dislike), you should take advantage of this shrub which can be cut and replanted at a house boundary wall for future use.

- How to use ?
Break a tender stem of a tooth brush size, clean it, put one end of it in the mouth and continue to rotate it while chewing the end with the rear teeth until the end becomes soft and tender. Let the juice remain in the mouth and start brushing your teeth as if with a brush. For the upper teeth move in a down and up direction, vice versa for the lower teeth.

- Split the stick longitudinally and clean the tongue with the split halves.

- If done for five minutes regularly and daily morning/nights, no oral or dental disease will bother you. Also dental caries will to a great extent be removed/prevented. Growing freely by your fence, this plant will keep you smiling and healthy at no cost and will make you wonder where your bad breath has gone.



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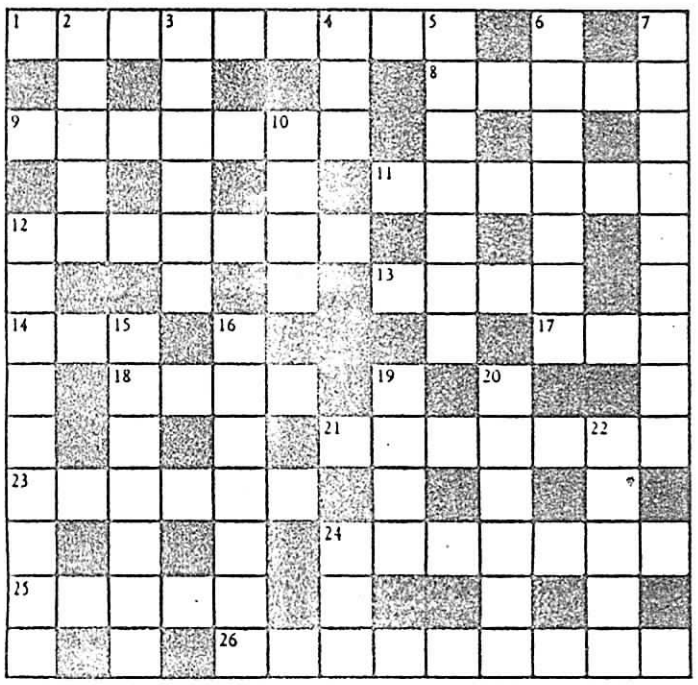
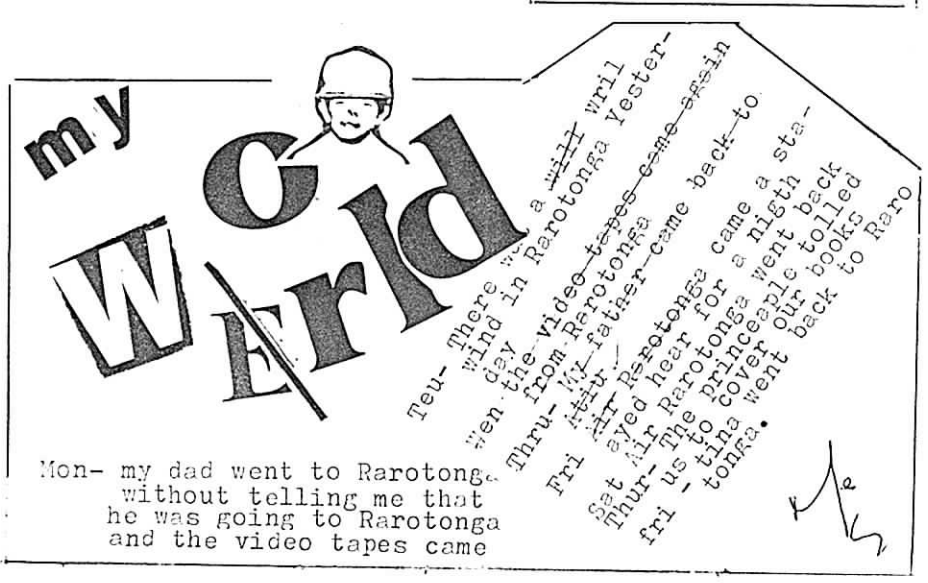


ACROSS

1 Great painting of the pre-19th century period (3, 6)
8 Soil (5)
9 Criticising harshly (7)
11 To dishevel (6)
12 A pupil (7)
13 Soon (4)
14 Donkey (3)
17 Hot drink that can be served with lemon (3)
18 Trampled (4)
21 Mobile home (7)
23 Choice, delicious (6)
24 A flaw (7)
25 Vital part of the body (5)
26 Australia is for instance (4, 5)

DOWN

2 Syringa (5)
3 Head of hospital nursing staff (6)
4 A label (3)
5 Bounce back (7)
6 A gift (7)
7 Leader of a tribe (9)
10 Close-by (4)
12 Entrance to theatre leading backstage (5, 4)
15 Section of an orchestra (7)
16 To argue earnestly (7)
19 Rear part of aircraft (4)
20 Food fish (6)
22 Passageway in church (5)
24 Weapon for shooting arrows (3)


my World
Mon- my dad went to Rarotonga without telling me that he was going to Rarotonga and the video tapes came
Teu- There was a will wril wind in Rarotonga Yesterday
wen the video tapes came again from Rarotonga
Thru- My father came back to Rarotonga
Fri Rarotonga came a night
Sat Air Rarotonga went back
Thur- The princeaple tolled us to cover our books
fri - tina went back to Raro tonga.

ARTS PART TWO

EXCLUSIVE

In which our heroine arrives as a child in Auckland and is thrust into the midst of family tragedy.....

by

NGA TANGA

Arriving in New Zealand at Mangere Airport, I was met by my Great Aunty and Uncle who both warmly welcomed me. I was not to realise that tragedy would be the result of my close relationship with my new family.

There are only vague memories which remain in my mind but there is one which I shall never forget.

It happened one night while we were sleeping. I do not quite know what exactly happened but I remember suddenly being wrenched out of my bed and carried outside to another building across the street from our house.

It was then that I realised that our house had caught fire!

Soon afterwards, more of my relatives were brought outside and my Uncle was placed beside me. His frame continually shook roughly as he coughed. All the time the thick smoke invaded our nostrils and our mouths making it a difficult task for any of us to breathe properly.

Eventually, a fireman came over to my Aunty and proceeded to ask her questions. Stricken, my Aunty suddenly looked around us, scanning us, as if searching for someone.

I watched my Aunty turn towards the fireman and when he left, I saw her quickly crumple and begin to sob loudly.

The ambulance then arrived and my mind was distracted.

We were packed into the ambulance, taken to the hospital and put into separate rooms.

In my room, there were cuddly toys all around me but I hardly noticed and quickly fell asleep.

I remember waking up during the night. Someone was there. A lady. An Aunty, I later found out. She stood by my bedside and gently asked me if I wanted to live with her.

I said "Yes"...not knowing why I said this to a complete stranger.

Next morning, a nurse came to check on me but because I still had the problem of the cleft palate, I was still unable to say many words. Mainly sounds came out of my mouth. Unintelligible sounds.

Around noon, the same woman who had visited during the night returned. I was then released from hospital and taken to my new home.

A couple of weeks later, we all went to the Mangere cemetry, me, my Aunty, Uncle and their daughter Peletira.

There was a procession at the cemetry. People were all dressed in black but I did not know what was happening. I was too young to understand.

I remember seeing the picture of my Great Uncle on a gravestone and on another was a picture of my two cousins who were sisters and the daughters of my Great Aunty.

But when we returned to my new home, I still did not really know what had happened.

When I was about ten or eleven years old, I was taken back to the cemetry. It was then that I was told what had happened that night when tragedy had struck our family.

During the night in hospital, my Great Uncle was found to be having problems with his lungs. It was difficult for him to breathe. Although he managed to survive the night, three days later he died quietly in the new home we were living in.

The reason why my Aunty had cried out that night with the fireman talking to her was that she had learned that her two daughters, my cousins, were still in the house and had not been rescued.

The firemen had gone back into the house but had not been able to find my cousins. By that time the whole house had been engulfed in flames.

The firemen had retreated to save their own lives.

Next morning, two bodies like charcoal had been taken to the hospital.

My Aunty was sent for and she identified my two cousins.

Three deaths were taken in this way when tragedy struck my first family.

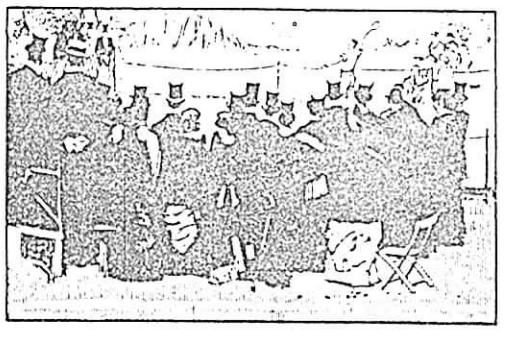
I remember weeping in sorrow while I stood in front of the graves. Then I was led back to the car. Back to my next new home.....

(To be continued)

SPORT

The first Wimbledon Champion

1877. WIMBLEDON. THE ALL ENGLAND CROQUET CLUB HAD CHANGED ITS NAME. TO THE ALL ENGLAND CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB. AND HELD ITS FIRST COMPETITION. FOR A 25 GUINEA SILVER CUP.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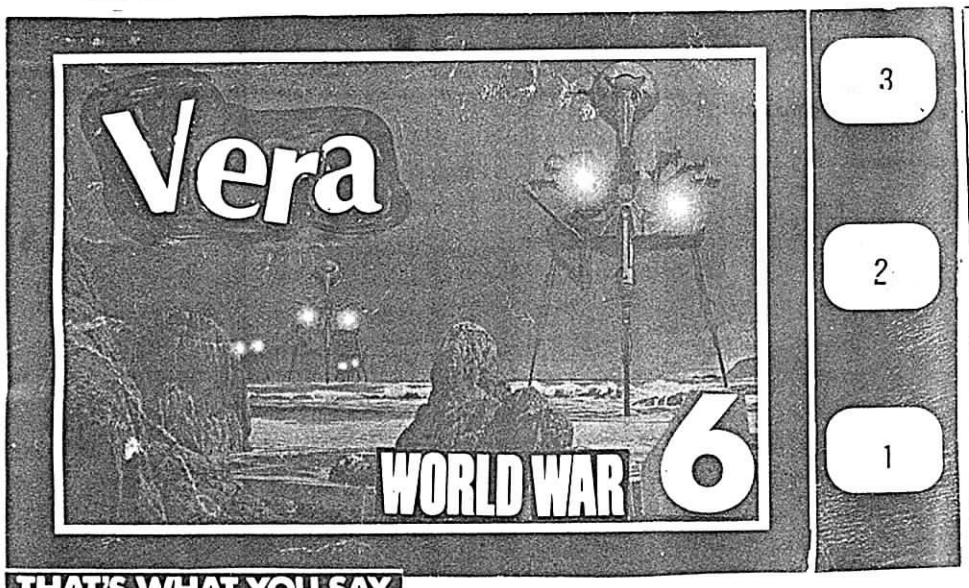
SPENCER GORE



THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY

Believe it or not

..some of youse guys bin putting it out that Mean Pa ai' nt nutting' but a load of wind. Well if youse got an editor that gives you a column like this you'd have a

vicenet

OFFICIEL

UP VOUS

it's The Frogman COMETH (2)

BONJOUR TATOU KATOATOA!!

Promise To PAY $15M- Sig.

COMING NEXT

Cheque, Mate ?
-rollicking rib tickler (French Sub-titles)

Norwoman!

Le French View

Arrrrr O mon God just regardez cette knocker, mes amis. Comme le tres esteemed General Normal de Gorge was saying quand je handed over le mous cheque, je can't believe it... enor

Former Miss UN General Assembly 1981-3.

Vera's Vaine

SPECIAL OFFER

This page has considerable redeeming artistic merit. $1.00 if you can find it.

If i'd known they weregoing to take money from the blasted frogs, i'd have had second thoughts about bothering to discover them.

tums 'n bits

-and then I get this job at the Ministry of Development, honey and nevereally looked back

UNHAPPY AT WORK? — grow money —

HAPPY AT WORK? Resign now —

TIANARA toru

league •

the fast'ish one

AREORA 62 TE NGATANGI/MAPUMAI O

Tuke tuke te tanata, te piriaro tue poro. No Mapumai teia tuatau ki runga ite taua o Areora. Nana e tamaki atu ki te pupu muramura no te mea ko te tueanga openga teia i runga ite taua ote muramura.

E piriaro matie tore teatea to Mapumai tapiri atu ki te piripou teatea motu meitaki.

E pakau ei te pupu ote Matie ite vitiviti e i tate tata nuti karo atu anga ko Paul Pakura tetai tamaiti meitaki i roto ia Mapumai.

Kare a Mapumai raua ko Tengatangi i tukutuku ua ia Areora e ite openga iora e roa te tuatau i re mai ei te re mua a Areora. No te vera atu oki karoanga pou te ao ote tamariki.

Te tue ra te aere katoa maira te nenei vitio. Kua akamata te re a Areora ite topatapata.

Tuke tuke te tare anga re, ta tetai pae e 62 ta tetai pae e 64. Kare e kino ta te tata nuti e 64 kia Areora e kare kia Mapumai e Tengatangi.

Kua pou ta Areora raoni ka neke tatou ki runga ite taua o Teenui nana oki te raoni ka aru mai.

Te pera katoa oki tate vaine Volley Ball. Tei akakiteia mai kua re a Areora ina ra kare e numero re i okeia mai. No reira me e tika me ea.

AREORA RL.

na John Akava

Ko Teina e tona au tangata tauturu ite pae ite putunga manga tei akapapaia ei utu ite aronga angaanga.

Ko Teina raua ko Clara e to raua kamuta ko Tauu Porio. Mataora tikai raua ito raua are ou tei oti.

Are Umukai

na Kau Henry

Kua riro te ra o Tepetema ei ra mataora tikai no reina Upoko ete vaine ko Clara, ete ngutuare tangata.

Kua akakite mai a Teina e te umu nei aia ei utu i tona aronga angaanga. Ko Teina oni te Probation Officer i Atiu nei. Ko tana vaine e tiaki toa ana aia ki ko ite C.I.T.C. i Atiu nei.

Ko te kamuta nui o teia are nei ko Tauu Porio. Ko te nui o teia are e 52 tapuae ite roa e 22 tapuae ite tipoto. E toru pia moe, e tai pia kaikai pera katoa te pia noonoo. No te tino are teia. Ina kua manako i reira a Teina kia akatoro ia atu tona are, e kua oti te reira ma te taurekareka.

Ko teia akatoroanga okotai Manakai e toru aiai me akaoti mai a Tauu ite angaanga kua angaanga atu ki runga i tona are i na Teina mai ei. No teia are no Teina kua na roto mai ite Housing Loan.

Ko tetai mea manea e tai ngauru ma toru puaka e rima ika tei akateateamamao ia e Teina e tona au taeake no te umuanga.

I teia nei te tuku atu nei a Teina raua ko Clara ete ngutuare tangata i ta ratou akameitakianga kia koe tikai e Tauu te kamuta nui. E pera ai te au taeake katoatoa tei tauturu mai ia raua.

Teia tetai tea oronga kua e Teina ei akamauruuru atu ia Tauu, e moni, pare kikau, kamau vaine, tai puaka ranuinui ete ika tei karangaia e toeviri. Kua oronga katoa atu raua i tetai puaka e te ika na te aronga tautai.

Kua meitaki tikai taau anga anga e Teina.